Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Whether any enquiry was made to know whether people were prepared to deposit the whole amount or surrender the property through which the road has to be taken?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Notice.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Are the Government satisfied whether there is any necessity for opening this road?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Everywhere there is this necessity. I have not got any application for roads where there is no necessity. The difficulty is the paucity of funds. Even for the amounts that are deposited with the Panchayats, there is a limit. All these requests are legitimate and reasonable. The only thing is that there is no funds available. If there is any chance of placing 8 lakhs of rupees at the hands of the Department for such constructions, then all the works will be taken up.

TANKS—KALLETTUMKARA AND ALOOR VILLAGES—NECESSITY OF.

425. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the urgent necessity of constructing some tanks in Kallettumkara and Aloor villages, for bathing purposes?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Necessity for a tank in Kallettumkara has been ascertained and that for Alur village is being enquired into.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will it cost very much for constructing a tank in Kallettumkara?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The estimated cost is Rs. 2,500.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I have already constructed a tank there for Rs. 500. (*Laughter*).

BRIDGE—KUTTIKAD—NECESSITY OF.

426. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the urgent necessity of constructing a bridge at Kuttikad for completing the Pariyaram-Kuttikad road;

(*b*) how long this road has been under construction now?

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1111 onwards

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): The only thing necessary for completing this road is the construction of this bridge.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Already Rs. 2,350 has been spent. It requires another Rs. 2,200 to complete this work of putting up the bridge. Further the question of the bridge was not brought to the notice of the Department at the time the road-work was undertaken. No amount was also provided for in the subsequent budgets. Whether we like it or not, this question will have to be considered now, since there is already a road.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): When you construct a road, don't you then consider the necessity of bridges also?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): In this case, it happened to be so. The necessity for the bridge was brought to the notice later on.

ROADS—TRIPPUNITTURA TOWN—LIGHTING OF.

427. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether all the important roads in the Trippunittura town have been provided with electric lights;

(*b*) if not, why;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to take up the matter of lighting the road that goes south from the Trippunittura Cusba Police Station to the western Fort Gate at an early date?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Due to want of funds.

(*c*) The matter has already engaged the attention of the Government and it will be taken up according to the importance of the roads and availability of funds.

TYPISTS—CRIMINAL JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

428. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many posts of Typists are provided for in the Criminal Judicial Department (Budget Head, 16. C.);

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